

Meeting Minutes
Longmeadow Historic District Commission
Tuesday, October 9, 2018

The Longmeadow Historic District Commission met on Tuesday, October 9 at 7:00pm at the Police Station Meeting Room.

Present from the HDC were: Cathy Kietzman, Sandy Krein, John Robbins, Carri Greenman, Tim Casey, Bret Lukezic and Paul Calento. Absent were: Anthony Guardione, Melissa McDonough and Rob Mulcahy.

Also present were: Betsy McKee, Al McKee, Mario Mazza and John Cloonan

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm.

Public Comments:

There were no public comments

Old Business:

Minutes from Tuesday, August 14, 2018 to be amended regarding pools and removal of 250 feet distinction. Minutes were unanimously approved pending changes.

Cathy also looked for further clarification on the HDC's position regarding swimming pools and the conflict within the documentation. It was noted that there are currently at least 4 pools in the Historic District with all of them being installed in the 1990's. In addition, in researching other HDC's in Massachusetts documentation, she was unable to find any that specifically did not allow them.

New Business:

1. Application 091318 – Julia and Bruce Crowley, 931 Longmeadow St. – Request to remove decorative wrought iron fence in front of home. Application was unanimously approved.
2. Application 092418 - Town of Longmeadow, 735 Longmeadow St. - Request to replace wooden balustrade on top of Community House with PVC material. The wooden balustrade on top of the Community House has deteriorated beyond repair and the town is looking to replace this with a PVC material in the same design with the same dimensions. There was concern that the use of a manmade material would set a precedent for other historic properties, as typically this is not allowed. However, it was agreed upon that because of the height this would be from ground level (3 stories), that it would not be noticeable. It was agreed upon that because of this it was an exception to allow the use of this material. Application was approved by: Cathy Kietzman, John Robbins, Carri Greenman, Tim Casey, Bret Lukezic and Paul Calento. Absent were: Anthony Guardione, Melissa McDonough and Rob Mulcahy. Application opposed by: Sandy Krein. Also, while not requiring HDC approval, Mario noted that they will also be removing three courses of the slate roof, putting down a waterproof membrane and then replacing the roof with the same slate material.

John and Tim have completed their review of the Bylaws and will bring them to the November meeting for review. These will then be forwarded for approval at the May 2019 Town Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:48.